

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-29 (cancelled)

30. (new) A domed packing material comprising:

a plurality of separable layers of plastic material each having a region containing a plurality of domes in a pattern extending in two directions, said plurality of domes being nested together in said region, adjacently nesting ones of said plurality of domes being sized differently to allow nesting substantially without any space between adjacently nesting ones of said plurality of domes, said plurality of domes each being at least 1/8 inch high, said plurality of domes each having a top, a base and a side extending from the top to the base at a diverging angle, wherein said plurality of separable layers with the plurality of domes can be separated and disoriented to occupy a larger volume.

31. (new) A domed packing material according to claim 30 wherein said plurality of separable layers comprise a single sheet folded to form said plurality of separable layers.

32. (new) A domed packing material according to claim 30 wherein said pattern is non-repetitive.

33. (new) A domed packing material according to claim 30 wherein said

pattern is asymmetrical.

34. (new) A domed packing material according to claim 30 wherein said pattern has some laterally adjacent ones of said plurality of domes oriented to protrude in opposite directions.

35. (new) A domed packing material according to claim 30 wherein said pattern has some laterally adjacent ones of said plurality of domes on a common one of said plurality of separable layers sized differently.

36. A domed packing material according to claim 30 wherein said pattern has some laterally adjacent ones of said plurality of domes shaped differently.

37. (new) A domed packing material according to claim 30 wherein said pattern has said plurality of domes formed into a plurality of rows.

38. (new) A domed packing material according to claim 37 wherein some but not all adjacent ones of said rows are diagonally staggered.

39. (new) A domed packing material according to claim 38 wherein said pattern has some laterally adjacent ones of said plurality of domes oriented to protrude in opposite directions.

40. (new) A domed packing material according to claim 30 wherein said plurality of separable layers before separation have an overall length and width equivalent to standard letter stock.

41. (new) A domed packing material according to claim 30 wherein said plurality of separable layers before separation have an overall length and width equivalent to standard legal stock.

42. (new) A domed packing material according to claim 30 wherein said plurality of separable layers before separation have an overall width of about 8.5 inches.

43. (new) A domed packing material according to claim 30 wherein said plurality of separable layers is thinner at the top of said plurality of domes than at locations between laterally adjacent ones of said plurality of domes.

44. (new) A domed packing material according to claim 30 wherein each of said plurality of separable layers is at most 0.010 inch thick.